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For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts.

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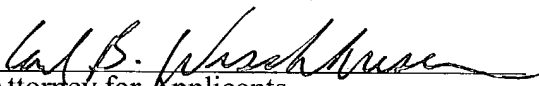
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2).

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	JP	09-098412	4/08/1997	Japan			Yes
	JP	04-317273	11/09/1992	Japan			Yes
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